Telegrams in Hindi

3123. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement the national policy regarding maximum use of Hindi in his Ministry;

(b) if not, the reasons for not making arrangement for sending telegrams in Hindi through the Hindi teleprinters installed in most of the telegraph offices of the country; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to ensure sending the telegram in Hindi Similar to that of English?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Arrangements already exist for sending Hindi Telegrams through Hindi Teleprinters and Bilingual (Roman & Hindi) Teleprinters installed in Telegraph Offices.

(c) The modernisation programme envisages a time frame of end of Eighth Five Year Plan period.

Privatisation of Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi

3124. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to exempt Hotel Ashoka, New Delhi from privatisation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of such other ITDC, Hotels and restaurants which have been exempted from privatisation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotels chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels each are proposed to be developed in this manner. These two groups of hotels do not include Ashoka Hotel at New Delhi.

Bio-Gas Plants in Haryana

3125. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bio-gas plants in Haryana at present;

(b) the number of the bio-gas plants proposed to be set up in Haryana during 1992-93;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to provide financial assistance to Haryana for the development and research work of bio-gas plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A total of about 21,290 family type biogas plants have been set up in the State of Haryana during the period 1981-82 to 1991-92 (April, 1991 to January, 1992) under the National Project on Biogas Development. Besides, eleven community and institutional biogas plants have also been set up in the State under a separate programme.

(b) A target of setting up of 1900 family type biogas plants is proposed for the State Government of Haryana for 1992–93 under the National Project on Biogas Development. Besides Khadi and Village Industries Commission is also constructing biogas plants in the State. Community and institutional biogas plants are sanctioned on case by case basis based on feasibility of projects.

(c) and (d). The Government have sanctioned in June, 1989 a R & D project entitled "Microbial Process Improvement of Biogas Digestors Under Optimum Fermentation Using Different Organic Wastes" at National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal at a total cost of Rs. 16.33 lakhs for a period of 3 years. Research work under the project is in progress.

[*English*]

Scheme to attract tourists to visit Goa

3126. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government to attract foreign tourists to visit Goa; and

(b) if so, the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Every effort is being made to attract foreign tourists to India including Goa. The main schemes include strengthening and augmentation of tourism infrastructure and effective publicity and promotion both within the country and key markets overseas.

Galeru–Nagiri Canal and Handu Neera Project in A.P.

3127. SHRI M.G. REDDY:
SHRI DHARMA BHI KSHAM:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for construction of Galeru–Nagiri canal and Handu Neera projects;

(b) if so, since when these are pending alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared; and

(d) the estimated cost and total area of irrigation potential to be achieved thereby;

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). The Galeru–Nagari Sujala Sravanthi Project estimated to cost Rs. 1296.23 crores envisaging annual irrigation of 131528 hectares was received in Central Water Commission in January, 1991. After examination, the project has been sent back to the State in February, 1991 to clearly establish water availability on longterm basis and complete necessary investigations and surveys and submit modified report for techno–economic appraisal. The modified report has not been received.

The Handu Neera Project has not been received at the Centre or techno–economic appraisal.

Earnings from TV Advertisements

3128. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:
SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: